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# HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

November 18, 1982

## C A L E N D A R

- DECEMBER 2 7:30 p.m. EVENING WITH THE LEGISLATORS  
Home of Frannie and Bill Schmitt, 201 10th Ave.  
(please bring snack, nuts, etc. League will  
provide beverage)
- 7 7:30 p.m. BOARD MEETING.  
Home of Margaret and Bob Gorke, 1805 Wiltshire Blvd.
- JANUARY 11 9:15 a.m. BOARD MEETING  
Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Green Oak/Norway Ave.  
Babysitting provided.
- 12 WV Legislature convenes --- Charleston
- 18 9:15 a.m. UNIT MEETING: Juvenile Service Update  
Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Green Oak/Norway Ave.  
Babysitting provided.
- 19 7:30 p.m. UNIT MEETING: Juvenile Service Update  
Home of Marcia and Bob Daoust, 926 11th Avenue
- 25 7:30 p.m. VOTERS SERVICE Planning and Organizational Meeting.  
Open to all members.  
Home of Betty and Ed Barrett, 408 11th Ave. 525-4908
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The election is history! The Education Consensus and Reproductive Rights Concurrence units are behind us! Time to take a deep breath and relax? Just long enough to get ready for our annual evening with the Legislators. Meet them and hear what they have to say about League issues. (Remember that the WV Legislature goes into session January 12— We want to be prepared for ACTION).

I know we all have VERY BUSY holiday schedules, but between now and the New Year try to read some of those League publications you've been meaning to read or order those publication you've been meaning to order or write those letters you've been meaning to write.

And don't forget the League's FINANCE DRIVE when you're making out your gift list. If you can't be more generous with your cash, then be more generous with yourself. All our committees need person-power as well as dollars to keep going.

Happy Holidays!

Linda Rowe

## FINANCE DRIVE

Funds for the operating of League come from donations from members and individuals, corporations, and businesses in the community. Without this income, we could not provide the programs, projects, and written material to the public. Our goal is \$2,000. You have all received a letter in the mail this week. Please help by making a contribution. In addition, we MUST ALL make three or four visits. Please take a new member with you. The people we call on are civic-minded people who have faithfully given to League. Even if this is your first visit to an individual, remember these are OLD FRIENDS OF THE LEAGUE. Never forget, this is not CHARITY. We provide a service and information found nowhere else. When I've talked to some citizens, they remarked only \$2,000.00. We would like more, of course. Please help us to at least achieve our goal!

Kathleen Gross and Margaret Gerke, Co-Chairs,

## VOTERS SERVICE REPORT: November 1982 General Election

We made it through another election! I guess like the politicians and their workers we Leaguers are glad it is over. We did keep busy.

The first big activity was our booth at the Trade Expo at the Civic Center in September. We appreciate the donation of space from promoter Gwen Starcher. And we have been asked to return next year. The candidates for local office were invited to join us for an opportunity to meet and greet the voters, and a large percentage accepted. In addition, we had a voting machine to demonstrate, and many League materials to show and to distribute. The decorating was done by Diane Coe and Linda & Bob Rowe, and we looked very nice. Des Laux worked on getting the candidates invited and scheduled. Many members worked during the four days we were open. We received several new members as a result of our booth, and attracted a lot of attention. The promoters used the League in all of its materials, giving us a great deal of publicity. Despite the small attendance at the Civic Center, we feel it was a useful project and worth the work on the part of so many of our members.

The Herald-Dispatch published our questionnaire October 31, a full-page of both national and county candidates for Cabell and Wayne. It looked good, and, as usual, attracted a lot of comment. We are grateful to Editor and now Publisher Don Hatfield, and to Fran Allred, Managing Editor, for their continuing interest and help.

Town Hall ran again. The first one in 1972 has been followed almost every two years with a new edition. We were pleased with the response of the candidates to the offer of free time on October 31 during the three-hour period on WSAZ-TV. Mickey Curry, Program Director, is wonderful to work with. This was Loren Tobia's first time as moderator, and he was excellent. As usual Linda Rowe did a beautiful job as League moderator as well as preliminary work on planning. Barbara Cienfuegos, a new member, gathered all our old and new questions into a useful order, and we will be able to use her beautifully-typed materials to help in future years. (I had told her the questions were useful to ask for many years and she agrees that little--too little--has changed.) Thanks to Muri Giurgevich, Jeannie Harris, Janice McNearney, Helen Gibbins, the Charleston League, Judy Dumke (an Ohio at-large member) and others for help in the questions. Thanks to Mary Coen who shepherded all the candidates from the waiting room to the studio at the right time. And very special thanks to the faithful few and their guests who formed the studio audience.

The latter was our weak point. We had only about 25 people in the audience, and only about 15 were League members. If we are asked to do this again, we will have to ask all members and husbands, children, relatives to come and fill the audience. It looks so much better to have lots of bodies. We gain so much from the exposure of the League on big TV opportunities that we must ask more help from our members. All who attended and asked questions have commented they were surprised to note the next day how many people commented on their attendance. We are seen, and it helps the League. You can be sure this will help in our upcoming Finance Drive to have been visible. We will ask more effort next time.

I did a segment on "Inside Look" the night before the program to publicize it and describe what we were doing, along with Loren Tobia.

As usual, WOWK-TV was very helpful. We did 5 Action Newsmaker programs with Mike Roberts, produced by Kathy Jackson. They covered the usual range of voting devices, election timetable and laws, the levies and the amendments, done by Kirsten Bagley, Diane Coe, Helen Gibbins and me. The Election Day Call-In was held in the lobby again, with the assistance from Paul Dicker and Ruth Damron. Monica Woodruff gathered the information and Anne Rockwell scheduled workers, who included Nancy Taylor, Kathy Edwards, Linda Rowe, Diane Coe, Linda Jenner, Chloe Dunfee, Dorothy Atkins, Kirsten Bagley and Bernice Steirn. We received over 120 calls, about 75 on the Tax Amendment. The usual calls for precinct sites were much lower. Maybe we had the lines so tied up with the Amendment that other calls couldn't get through. Helen Gibbins and I tried to take off some of that load by getting calls referred to us that would take a little time.

## ELECTION '82 (continued)

Helen Gibbins ran the ABC Reporting for state League. She used Huntington members, Francie Roberts-Buchanan and Natalie Schneiderman, plus ex-member Connie Carr and prospective member, Linda Poake, in our area, along with many others statewide.

One activity will be expanded for the next election, we think. I received a call from Bill Mullarky, owner of Latta's, asking for a presentation to his employees (about 30 people) on the explanation of the issues on the ballot. This was done before the store opened the day before the election. We will contact the Chamber of Commerce to offer this type of service to other businesses before future elections. At various times we have been asked for such presentations, but it would be well to put it in a more regular format and let more people know we are available.

Helen Gibbins spoke to the Huntington Civitans on the Property Tax Amendment. She also appeared on Dick Hustead's radio program with John Cremons, Cabell County Assessor, also on the Amendment.

. . . so you can easily see, many, many members of the Huntington Area League participated in Election '82. I thank all of you, and trust you found it worth the effort. The vote in our area was high. Perhaps we can take some of the credit. We have a long time until the next election in May 1984, but we are planning other non-election-related activities. Ideas will help!

We must also thank all the candidates who responded and participated in our activities. They share our concern for informing the electorate.

. . . . Betty Barrett

## P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters generally and the local chapter specifically have engaged in an effort to increase Voter Registration and participation in the upcoming election; and

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters generally and the State chapter specifically have provided a forum for debates between West Virginian congressional candidates in order to increase voter education and awareness of the important issues of the day;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Democratic Men's Club of Cabell County congratulates and commands the League on its continued valuable service to the community and the nation.

Awarded to the Huntington Area LNV  
by Judge Dan O'Hanlon, November 18, 1982

REQUEST: Please suggest names for nominating of officers for 1983-85.  
Send or call suggestions to Helen Gibbins, Chairman of the  
nominating committee, 6128 Gideon Road, 25705 or call 736-3287

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## CLEAN AIR ACT . . . Marcia Daoust

A big thanks to all who wrote letters supporting a strong Clean Air Act.

The Administration has been backing a much weaker bill than presently exists. However, through League and environmental groups' efforts, the message was sent for a strong, protective law. As a result, the battle to weaken the Clean Air Act was postponed until after the election. This was a victory! Yours letters DID make a difference.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS . . . Nancy Taylor

"World Trade at the Crossroads" (LWVWV Pub. #643, 75¢) will help us understand the numerous challenges to U.S. trade laws from labor and industry groups.

When we become aware of the importance of trade to the economy, we come to see that imports offer customers a greater selection of products at lower prices and that exports spur local growth by expounding expanding production and employment opportunities.

Note from National VOTER: February 5, 1963 is League United Nations Day on Global Security. Anyone ready to go to New York in February? We will have information in December. Give me a call.

## EDUCATION CONSENSUS . . . Janice McNearney

The local education consensus on "Teacher Certification and Evaluation" has been completed. State League will now receive our results and compile them with all the other local Leagues. The outcome will be announced the first of the year.

The efforts extended by Linda Rowe, co-hosting a panel discussion on this topic, and Donna Richardson's presentation of material at a unit meeting was most appreciated.

## PUBLICATIONS

LWVWV announces the publication of League Issues in West Virginia. This pub explains League program in WV including history, issues, and action. Price: \$2.00 per copy. Contact M. Gerke, 529-4345 for orders.

## TUITION TAX CREDITS...NEW ACTION CALL

Tuition tax legislation is likely to be considered on the Senate floor during the lame duck session late this month. The Senate Finance Committee reported the administration's tuition tax credits bill on September 16 after strengthening the civil rights provision, cutting minimum allowable credit in 1985 from \$500 to \$300, to eliminate credits for incomes above \$40,000 and to allow cash refunds to low-income families who pay too little taxes to qualify for the credits.

Although these provisions improve the bill it is important to note that the principle of tuition tax credits remains the same, Federal aid to private schools would seriously undermine public education.

What can you do? Write Senators Byrd and Randolph and urge them to oppose S 2674 and express your reasons why. Time is now!

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